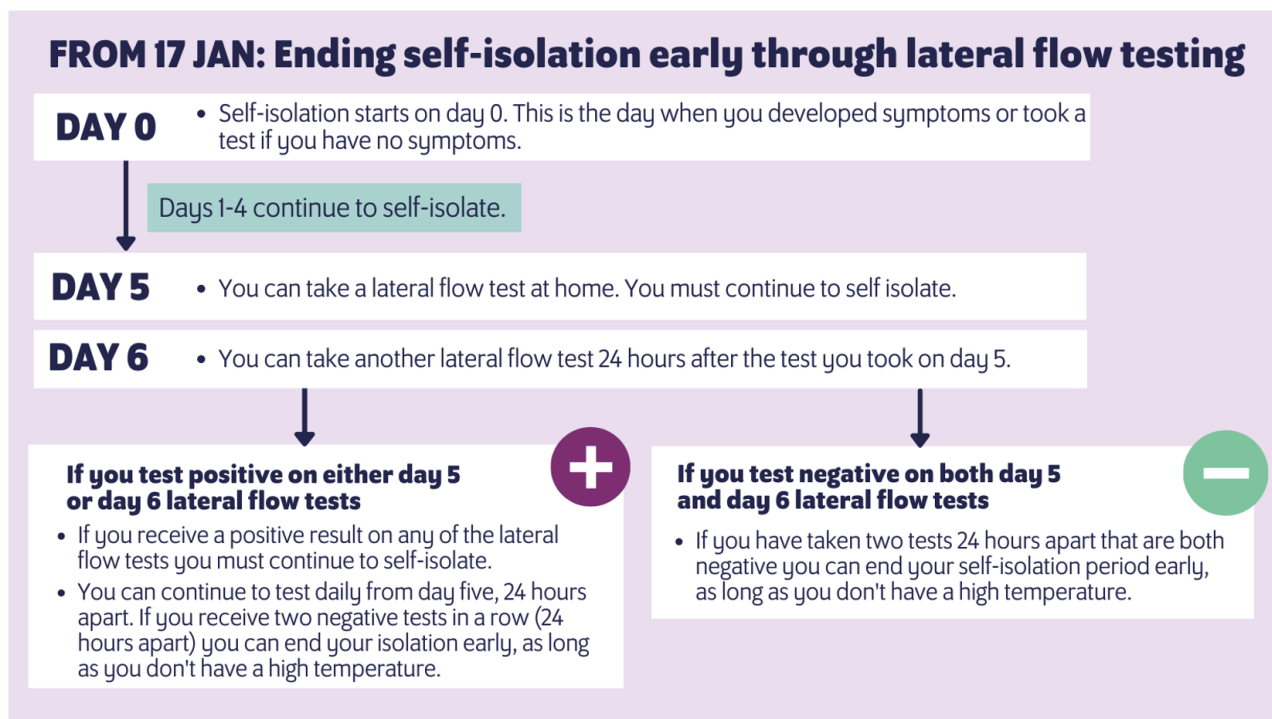


18th January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

As I am sure you are aware through recent announcements, there has been a further update to the rules around self-isolation. From Monday 17th January, individuals who test positive for Covid-19 can end their isolation after 5 days, providing that they have 2 consecutive negative lateral flow tests from day 5 onwards. Please refer to the below diagram for details:



As tests must be taken 24hrs apart, we would advise that the lateral flow test on day 5 be taken early morning. This will enable the infected person to return to work or school with immediate effect on the morning of day 6 if this test is also negative.

For further information, please see the press release around this latest change, found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>

Lateral flow testing must be completed in the home, and as such we are reliant on your support and vigilance to ensure our schools remain safe and healthy spaces. If you need any further advice around isolation or testing rules, please contact info@watertonacademytrust.org, or call the NHS test and trace support line on 119.

I would take this opportunity to once again thank you all for your support and patience during these changes.

Stay safe and well.



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